[English]

Sanskrit Schools and Colleges in Uttar Pradesh

3424. SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Sanskrit schools/colleges in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the number of such schools and colleges which are recognised by the Boards/Universities and are conducting examinations for more than five years; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to promote Sanskrit in the country particularly in Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) Government have been promoting the Sanskrit Language in Uttar Pradesh as well as the rest of country through the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi, Maharishi Sandipani Rashtriya Veda Pratishthan, Ujjain, two Deemed Universities and the Central Plan Scheme of financial assistance to States/UTs. for the development of Sanskrit.

Progress of TLC and PLC Programmes

3425. PROF. JITENDRA NATH DAS : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the States which have taken up Total Literacy Campaign and which have taken up Post Literacy Campaign Programme after completion of TLC; and

(b) the latest position of TLC and PLC, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) As of date Total Literacy Campaigns have been launched in 423 districts and Post Literacy Campaigns in 183 districts, throughout the country. A statement indicating the State-wise number of districts covered under TLCs/PLCs is enclosed statement.

Statement

TLC and PLC Programmes

State/UT	Total No. of Distts.	Distts. covered under TLCs	Distts. covered under PLCs
1	2	3	4
Andhra Pradesh	23	23	22
Arunachal Pradesh	13	-	-
Assam	23	20	6
Bihar	55	32	6
Goa	2	2	-
Gujarat	19	19	18
Haryana	17	15	2
Himachal Pradesh	12	12	11
Jammu & Kashmir	14	5	-
Karnataka	20	20	16
Kerala	14	14	14
Madhya Pradesh	45	45	12
Maharashtra	31	31	13
Minipur	8	1	-
Meghalaya	7	6	-
Mizoram	3	-	-
Nagaland	7	-	-
Orissa	31	19	10
Punjab	17	11	2
Rajasthan	31	31	7
Sikkim	4	-	-
Tamil Nadu	29	23	18
Tripura	4	3	1
Uttar Pradesh	68	66	8
West Bengal	18	17	12
A&N Islands	2	-	-
Chandigarh	1	1	1
Dadra & N Haveli	1	1	-
Daman & Diu	2	1	-
Delhi	1	1	-
Lakshadweep	1	-	-
Pondicherry	4	4	4
Total :	527	423	183

[Translation]

Indo-Pak Relation

3426. SHRI ILYAS AZMI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a)whether Government is considering to send delegations of M.P.s., Journalists and Dignitaries to Pakistan to create harmony and fraternity among the citizens of the two countries and improve the situation further; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) and (b) Government are actively encouraging a process of enhanced interaction between